

FOREWORD

Next year is the twenty fifth anniversary of the Zenkoji-temple. I have no words to express my gratitude. Though we started from scratch, I owe today's prosperity to laudable piety and practice austerities of the supporters through Buddha's protection.

We regretfully dosen't have big main hall enough for everyone, to gather so we arranged to borrow the hall for ceremony of Sojiji-temple. The commemorative ceremony was unanimously decided to be held at 30th May. We will send the invitation later, hoping everyone to present.

Secondly is about the Yokohama Zenkoji Scholarship Foundation for International Buddhist Sutudy, which name was changed from the Zenkoji Scholarship Foundation as you have known in the last Seiju. Recently, internatinal exchanges have changed, I think it owes not only

to growth of Japanese economy but to well-known our Foundation.

As you know, I have been to some countries concerned since seven years ago, last July I visited Tenryuji-temple, Most Rev. Dogen's sacred place in China, where I requested the chief priest as an honorary adviser and took his willing consent. Besides, we have received a lama, who had practiced at Yong-he-gong in Beijing, that led us to be invited the ceremony of the consecration of the great image of Buddha at Yong-he-gong. This volume has put together a special issue on the visiting China.

Next year is the tenth anniversary of our scholarship foundation, so we prepare to hold its memorial event in the last ten days of March. Beside the event, we plan to publish a record about ten odd countries where we visited to study, and also essay of priests studying abroad.

We ask you kindly cooperation and support.